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Brent Lee, Assistant Fire Chief
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VIA EMAIL

Re: City of Wauwatosa Jurisdiction Request for Fire Suppression and Fire Alarm Plan Review and Inspection

Dear Brent Lee,

I am pleased to inform you that your municipality has been delegated fire suppression and fire alarm code enforcement authority per your request. Per Wis. Stat. § 101.12(3g), I delegate your municipality the primary responsibility to do inspection of all size buildings for fire suppression and fire alarm projects in lieu of the Department. In addition, I delegate your municipality to do fire suppression and fire alarm plan review on alteration projects with 20 or fewer devices.

An exception to this delegation is that our agency retains jurisdiction for plan review for new construction and all state-owned buildings, as well as projects for which the owner chooses to submit plans to our agency.

As a condition of the delegation, you are required to comply with the following:

- Submit to the department the fees specified in Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 302.31(1)(h) for all projects.
- Provide a monthly report, in an electronic-based format, to the Department for all projects.
- Apply the corresponding requirements in Wis. Admin. Code §§ SPS 361.60 (5)(d)-(h), and (6).
- Provide the Department with a copy of any revisions to the ordinance adopting this code.
- Notify the department, in writing, immediately of any personnel changes to plan review or inspection staff.
- Notify the Department, in writing, at least 30 days prior to the date upon which the appointed agent intends to relinquish the responsibilities assumed under this section.

Please note that §14.04.010 of your ordinance references outdated NFPA standards. Please update your ordinance to adopt the current NFPA standards, or revise your ordinance to reference the versions adopted by the Wisconsin Administrative Code. Please forward a copy of your revised ordinance to the Department, when available.

The Department will periodically monitor municipalities and request activity reports to ensure that the delegated responsibilities are being properly fulfilled by the municipality. We do require that delegated municipal code officials hold the Wisconsin Commercial Building Inspector certification, or the Fire Detection, Prevention, and Suppression Inspector if applicable, and attend agency-approved continuing education to maintain their certification.

In accordance with 2017 Wisconsin Act 198, the Department will be implementing a five-year electronic renewal process. Please continue to monitor department correspondence as further details regarding this process are communicated.

If your municipality decides to relinquish jurisdiction, please follow the provisions of Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 361.60(2)(b)4 by providing the Department with a 30-day notice prior to the day upon which your municipality intends to relinquish jurisdiction.

I understand that the primary enforcement contact for your municipality, Dan Schmocker, has the proper certification to do so.

Our commercial building inspector for your area, John Gibbs, at (414) 852-3694, is available to assist in any questions or concerns your municipality may have with implementing these fire suppression and fire alarm services.

The Division of Industry Services looks forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael D. McNally Jr." in a cursive script.

Michael D. McNally Jr.

Section Chief, Fire Suppression and Fire Alarm Program

cc: Garry Krause, Bureau Director, Technical Services Bureau
John Gibbs, Commercial Building Inspector, Technical Services Bureau